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United Church

2.30 p.m. Sunday school and adult bible class. No one is too old to attend Sunday School.
7.30 p.m.—Rev. Thos. Powell of Calgary, Supt. of missions will preach and the missionary offering will be taken. Don't fail to hear Mr. Powell. Strangers welcome.

Approximately, \$4500 has been received very recently from Edmonton, Alberta, proceeds of lands forfeited for taxes. More moneys are expected to be received in the course of the next few weeks. The money was needed to put the school board into good shape in regard to debenture payments, etc.

Endorses Raimaker Hatfield's Work

The following letter has been received by Secretary Blodgett, of the Board of Trade. Mr. Harry W. Noel, of Vulcan, Alta., the writer, was a former proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, at Vulcan, Alta. Mr. Noel, went to Crow's Landing, California, for the purpose of investigating Mr. Hatfield's work. Mr. Noel, returned convinced that Mr. Hatfield can induce rainfall by artificial methods. The letter will undoubtedly be read with much interest by our readers.

"Board of Trade Empress Alta.

Dear Sirs—
Yours under date 20 inst. Re Mr. Hatfield.

Last March I spent 5 days at Crow's Landing, Calif., investigating the workings of Mr. Hatfield, also several hours at his station on the west coast range of mountains. During my stay I spent most of the time in company with a Mr. Elfers who was among the first to get in touch with Mr. Hatfield and instrumental in bringing him to Crow's Landing in 1904. I think was the first year they had him at the Landing, and headed the farmers for several years in connection with Hatfield's operations. Through Mr. Elfers' kindness I was put in touch with many of the leading bankers, merchants and farmers of that part of the San Joaquin Valley, and not one of them that I talked with but told me that they were ready to put up their money to have Hatfield there every year. (But you know how it is plenty of moisture in sight everybody thinks it not necessary to have any artificial help.)

While there I procured the rainfall of that district for a period of 20 years and it shows that the years that Hatfield operated there that the rainfall for the 8 years of his operation was 21.5 ins. greater than the 12 years he was absent, and 2 of the years he was there he received no pay as the rainfall did not come up to his contract, but Mr. Elfers told me that

Raimaker Has Signed Contract With Medicine Hat U.F.A.'s

The following excerpt taken from a letter received by Mr. Blodgett from Mr. Hatfield is conclusive that the latter has accepted a contract with the Medicine Hat U.F.A.'s. The letter clears away any doubts which may have existed regarding this matter in the minds of many who have hesitated to subscribe to the affiliation fund.

"... The acceptance of my proposition to the Medicine Hat section came between your last letter and the letter before.

Your portion of Alberta is no great distance from where I will be stationed, as I intend to erect my plant from twenty-five to forty miles from Medicine Hat, and as I have previously stated, the results from these operations cover an immense territory, fully a hundred mile radius."

(Chas. M. Hatfield, 1919)

one year. He thought that Hatfield should have had a part of the money as that district had the largest yield of any dry district in the State of Calif., as they say they had before the time that done them the most good. (Bear in mind that Hatfield's operations only extend over a small part of the year.)

The only thing that prevented our having Hatfield here this year was the large amount of moisture we had there the month of April, as you will see by the enclosed contract that our arrangements were all made it was so wet the first April that we wanted him to start the 25th of May. Many of us are still under the impression that we made a mistake that we didn't get through with our contract. I enclosed this contract to you and after you have gone thru it to your satisfaction you will kindly return same to me. The only change you will need to make in connection with this contract will be arrange your terms as to amount of rain and the pay as this is higher than he will

ask you, at the time was short, also as to the rain gauge at the station being fixed, that is all wrong. That proposition was made to him before I returned here I wanted him to stay in the winter before leaving him. You have several gauges in different directions from his station and take the average of all of them, as he might have a waterspout in his station. You will find Hatfield a very fine fellow to do business with. He is a very quiet and unassuming chap to come in contact with and will only ask pay for what he does.

You will, after reading his contract see the points of his contract. I have had good lawyers look it over, there is no joker in it at all. NO RAIN, NO PAY, no one could ask anything fairer than that.

I could tell you more in regard to my investigations but it's not necessary. All you want is rain and if he gets you no rain there is nothing to pay, and if you get rain the increase in crops will more than satisfy all concerned. The cost per section is so small if you get rain that it will not hurt any one to pay. In fact, if you get any amount of rain any one large farmer can pay the entire expense of Hatfield. (This year, 10 farmers at Crow's Landing purchased his pay in the month of February. It looked as though all the crop of that part of Calif. would be a total loss as there had been no moisture at all thru the fall and winter, he set up on the

17th of Feb. and on the 10th he had rain. I arrived about the 15th of Mar. and one of the first things I saw at the picture show was, "vote for irrigation, Hatfield wins his first money," and at that time the prospects were splendid for a crop, one of, in fact, the largest. Banker and Merchant, at Newman, told me that on the 10th of Feb. there was nothing in sight for the farmer or ranchman.)

You will no doubt find as I have that there are plenty who will knock Hatfield and kid you for thinking about getting him to operate. (Mr. Elfers told me that his size kept him from getting more than one licking over Hatfield, but it was the ones who were paying nothing (continued on back page.)



Small Beginnings

MANY a man has told the foundation of wealth and prosperity, by starting a savings account with small sums early in life.
Even the saving of your twenty five cent pieces may start you on the road to a successful future.
A dollar will open an account for you in our Savings Department.

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R. M. HENDERSON

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Also SKATES, HOCKEY STICKS and PUCKS. Large assortment of HAND SLEIGHS to clear at Reduced Prices.

N. D. STOREY

EXTRA STICKS NEAR TOBACCO STORE

Owing to the increase in the number of pupils in the local school, the teaching staff has been increased. At the close of the last term pupils on the roll numbered, 154. Miss L. Rivers, has taken Miss Harrison's class room. The form-

or Shepherd drug store building has been fitted up as a classroom for the Junior Intermediate Grades, and the pupils are in the charge of Miss E. Noble, who came here from High River, Alta.

YOU MOTHERS!

An opportunity to have that picture of the Children taken while our representatives are in Empress. Home Portraiture is far superior to city work, because we can get the true natural expression of the children in their own home.

W. V. RING

One of Calgary's Leading Photographers

For References ask your friends who have had work done. Advance man can be seen at Empress Hotel for appointment.



Save for College

THE wisest thing you can do for your boy is to teach him to save. Open a savings account for him in this Bank to-day, and let him prepare to meet his college expenses. The account will steadily grow, when he knows he is saving with a definite object in view.

100 deposited every week for 10 years, with interest at 5% compounded semi-annually, will amount to \$60,772.41

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Grain Prices

AT EMPRESS, Thursday, Jan. 6

Wheat No 1, Nor.	1.56	Track Wheat	
Flax	1.65	Oats	.36
Barley	.59	Rye	

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilham, January 2, a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morris, Gold Springs, December 22, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have left for English Bay, E.C.

Irene Pullin left on Monday for Calgary, where she will take a business course.

Mr. N. S. King made a business trip to Moose Jaw, over the week end.

Mrs. Henry Rebbelke, who has been staying in town for sometime past, left on Wednesday, to visit her sister at Patricia.

A number of our local anglers are visiting Oyen today for a friendly game.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards are spending a two weeks holiday with friends, in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Dawdy spent New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dawdy.

Now is the time to buy winter underwear, as Blodgett's adv. in which he offers various lines at pre-war prices.

Miss Eva Dawdy, who spent Christmas and New Year's with her parents, returned to Edmonton on Monday morning.

Mrs. E. S. Sexton and daughter, Kathleen, returned from a holiday visit with friends in Regina, on Monday.

Rev. Thos. Powell of Calgary, Superintendent of Missions, will speak at the Union church Service next Sunday evening. He possesses an attractive personality and is an interesting and convincing speaker.

W. R. Brodie, has been elected Reeve of our Village, for the present year.

The regular meeting of the Castle Coombe W.M.S., will be held at the home of Mrs. W. Rivers, Wednesday, January 12.

Miss M. Schori will be at the home of Mrs. C. W. Hayes, on January 13, for recommencing of piano lessons. Pupils are requested to please attend.

It may be of interest to know that during the year 1920, R. M. Henderson, local registrar of vital statistics, registered 52 births, 14 marriages, 15 deaths. A large number have failed to report births. This is necessary as persons failing to report are liable to a penalty.

The December issue of "Men's Wear," a trade publication, contains the reproduction of an advertisement which appeared in the November 25 issue of the "Empress Express" for Mr. M. A. Blodgett. This particular advt. will probably be remembered. The heading was "For the Backward Reader,"

and the body of the advt. was a well-known piece of poetry, which had been set from right to left, appearing backwards for reading purposes. The reproduction of the advt. is a recognition of its advertising value and a compliment which Mr. Blodgett is undoubtedly, and reasonably so, proud of. The advt. is produced, typographically, as near like the original as possible, which complies the proprietors of the "Express" appreciate. It is usual for trade papers to criticize advts. if weak typographically.

Endorses Rainmaker

(continued from front page) that made the greatest kick).

Trusting this will not tire you as I have talked Hatfield here last spring and winter until I think I paddled myself on him, but the way I look at it is this, if a man agrees to give you something and that will be of vast interest to you if you get it you pay, if you do not get it there is to be no pay, that fellow is no fakir and has plenty of confidence in himself. He does not always make good in his efforts, and by the way there are lots of people in this world who does not make good, and perhaps they try just as hard as Hatfield does.

Let your guesses cover from 25 to 35 miles or more.

Kindly return contrast when you finish with it.

Trusting this information may be of some benefit to you, I remain,

Very truly,
Harry W. Noel

Grand Theatre
EMPRESS, ALBERTA

Ora Carew

- in -

"Under Suspicion"

A Photodrama of Crime and Comedy

Friday and Saturday
Jan. 7 and 8

Usual Prices: - 35c and 15c
War Tax Included

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Asked what 'unaware' meant

One bright girl answered thus:

'It's the thing you put on first

And take off last at night.'

We have whatever kind of "Unaware"

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Two-piece fleece-lined at 75c.

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and in order to clean odd lines in both Dry Goods and Groceries, we are offering you Goods at Less than Actual Cost

Men's Mufflers, all colors, reg. 5.00 3.25

Men's Neckwear reg. 2.00 and 2.50 1.00

Men's Fine Wool socks reg. 2.00 - 1.25

Men's Cashmere Hose, reg. 1.25 - 85c

Men's Heavy Wool Socks, reg. 1.00 65c

Men's Pullover Sweaters, reg. 7.50 - 5.75

Men's Work Shirts, reg. 3.50 to 4.50 - 3.00

Men's Wool Underwear, 2 piece, regular, 2.25 each - 1.00

Women's House Slippers, regular 3.50 2.50

Boy's Knitted Togues, regular 2.25 - 1.50

Boy's Pants odd lines regular 3.50 - 2.25

Children's Shoes, all kinds at cost from, 1.50 to 3.50

Exceptional Values in Groceries

5 cans Fish, 1.00

5 pkgs. Oat Food, 1.00

10 bars Assorted Toilet Soap, 1.50

10 bars Palm Olive Soap, 1.00

9 bars P. and G. Nap. Soap, 1.00

2 cans C. B. Peaches 1.00

5 ps. Seeded Raisins 1.00

2 Jars Soluble Coffee 1.00

10 lbs. White Beans 1.00

4 lbs. Prunes, 1.00

3 lbs. Evap. Peaches, 1.00

Pure Jams, all kinds, excepting Raspberry and Strawberry, 1.40

Mixed Jam, 4lb. pail 1.00

Highest Prices Paid for Produce

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